

Case 7917M

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **FAX RECEIVED**

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In the Application of :
STEVEN DARYL SMITH, et al. :
Serial No. 09/759,864 : Group Art Unit 1616
Filed 12 January 2001 : Examiner A. Pryor
For **SYSTEMS FOR** :
CONTROLLING PLANT AND
FLOWER MOISTURE
TRANSPIRATION RATES

OFFICIALNOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated 28 June 2002 (Paper No. 7) finally rejecting Claims 1-12 and 14-27 of the above application.

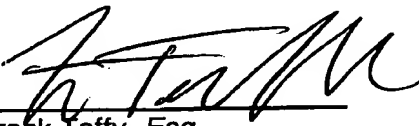
A response to the final rejection is being filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for response to the Office Action dated 28 June 2002 in the above-identified application to permit the filing of this Notice of Appeal.

Please charge the appeal fee of \$310.00, any processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17, and any other necessary fees to maintain the pendency of the present application, to Applicants' Deposit Account, No. 16-2480, in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company, Intellectual Property Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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